



PORTAGE CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

59th Ave NE
Arlington, 98020

Type: Regional
Acreage: 158.71
Acquisition Date: 1998
Ranger District: 4

Description: A 158 acre wildlife reserve home to a variety of wetland plants and animals. Stroll along the tranquil stream and enjoy the open meadow paths while catching glimpses of herons, raptors and many species of waterfowl.

Visitors to the Portage Creek Wildlife Area can enjoy the network of trails that cross the expansive fields. An interpretive shelter is available for learning about the local flora and fauna and a fish ladder for viewing rearing salmon. Other wildlife viewing opportunities include deer, hawks, beaver, raccoons, mink, amphibians, other small mammals and all types of waterfowl.

Park History: Twenty acres of the site was previously owned by Gene Ammon. Mr. Ammon used the site as a peat farm until 1978 when he began to preserve the site's unique natural resources. He restored the wetlands in the mined areas, enhanced fish spawning opportunities, and improved habitat for a variety of wildlife. He referred to the site as Amen's Wildlife Sanctuary and encouraged the public to visit.

In 1992 Mr. Ammon approached Snohomish County about preserving this wonderful natural resource. Snohomish County Parks was able to secure funds through the Conservation Futures program and purchased the property in 1995. One year later the County purchased an additional 137 acres to the north. The total park area is now a wildlife reserve, known as the Portage Creek Wildlife Area.

Park Features:
Wetland / meadow trail
Interpretive center
Portable restroom
Picnic tables

Future Plans:
Replace bridges

